(ii) 40,000 station staff have also been subjected to an out-of-course screening and deficient staff were imparted non-scheduled safety training.

(iii) Regular counselling of staff is done to prevent accidents.

(iv) Stringent action to the extent of 'dismissal' or 'removal' from service is being imposed on staff causing serious train accidents.

(v) The elimination of collisions has been made as one of the mission areas for the General Managers of the Railways.

(vi) Nearly 60,000 of staff attended Safety Camps and refresher training courses during the last one year

Increase in the time limit of advance reservation

4638. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to change the time limit for advance rail reservation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) It has been decided to reduce the advance reservation period from 45 days to 30 days in respect of journeys commencing from 1.7.1995 onwards

Compensation to the bomb blast victims in Brahmaputra Mail

4639. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an incident of bomb explosion occurred in Brahmaputra Mail recently;

(b) if so, the estimated loss suffered by the Railways due to the explosion; and

(c) the details of financial and other assistance given to the victims of the incident?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated loss suffered by the Railways due to the explosion is Rs 9.21.000|- approx.

(c) Ex-gratia payment has been given to the victims of the incident. The details are as under:—

(i) Rs 2,250|- to the nine injured persons @ Rs. 250|- each.

(ii) Rs. 11.000|- to the eleven seriously injured persons @ Rs. 1,000|- each.

(iii) Rs. 25,000/- to the kith and kin of the five deceased persons @Rs. 5,000/- each.

The victims will also be paid the compensation, quantum of which will be decided by Railway Claims Tribunal

Development of Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh

4640. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway Stations which have been identified by Government in Andhra Pradesh for expansion and redevelopment programme; and

(b) by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 90.

(b) Works are in various stages of progress and their completion will depend upon availability of funds in the coming years.

Manufacture of coaches and Engines

4641 SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coaches and engines manufactured in country every year;

(b) whether these are in accordance with the demand;

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to improve the dilapidated condition of coaches in most of the trains; and

(d) whether there is a proposal for privatisation of coach manufacturing?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir. The manufacture is considered adequate to meet the requirements of Indian Railways for coaches and locomotives

(c) On going steps taken by the Railways to ensure good condition of the coaches are:

- Periodic inspection and maintenance.
- replacement on age-cum-condition basis.
- standardisation of maintenance infrastructure

(d) There is no such proposal for the present

Statement

Production of coaches and locomotives for the last three years

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
COACHES :			
Integral Coach Factory, Madras	1023	1038	775
Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala	1115	1025	775
Bharat Earth Movers Ltd.	375	375	9
JESSOPS	121	51	15
LOCOMOTIVES			
Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan.			
Electric Loco	125	140	15
Diesel Loco	50		-
Locomotive Works, Varanasi.			
Diesel Loco	151	152	150
Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.			
Electric			10

NOTE :—Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., JESSOPS and Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. are Public Sector Undertaking.